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Editorial

A QUIET ELECTION

What the heck is the matter with the people of Alberta? In past elections this province has been wont to stage a "knock down and drag out" battle. The present election campaign has been proceeding with an unprecedented placidity, utterly unworthy of the wild and woolly spirit of this western province!

Perhaps it is because conditions are good in Alberta. People are prosperous and not interested in politics. For the benefit of such persons we quote from Goldsmith:

"It fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
When wealth accumulates, and men decay."

Clean Up Mainstreet

Even at the best of times Main Street doesn't look any too good what with piles of sand and gravel along the sides, and sewer and sidewalk construction going on. But it would help considerably around the machine shops and blacksmith shops if machinery new or old could be put behind the buildings out of sight.

We hardly feel that the Main Street should be used as display for and the setting up and repairing of machines, especially when it is out far enough in the street to become a possible hazard to traffic. Let's drive to get away from the "small town" look as quickly as possible.

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By ELIZABETH KING

AN INTERESTING PIONEER COINCIDENCE

At the home of Mrs. S. B. Card, (Kate), Mrs. Bertha Witbeck Thelin, of California, last week picked up the Raymond Recorder and as she began to read the "History of Raymond" she suddenly exclaimed, "My word Kate, look at this, do you know I helped set type for Rob. Matheson for this very paper George Court has? I well remember standing there turning the crank on that little hand press as those first little chronicles came tumbling out."

Mrs. Thelin worked for R. O. Matheson for a year in his office which was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Nilsson at that time. Mrs. Thelin is in Canada at the present time visiting her brothers Hamp and Bill Witbeck and sisters Mrs. S. B. Card, Mrs. T. K. Roberts, Mrs. Ted Grey, Mrs. Rollo Kinsey of Raymond and Mrs. Wm. Clemis of Lethbridge.

Following is a continuation of excerpts from Raymond's first paper by R. O. Matheson and Miss Bertha Witbeck.

"The owners of this journal have had sufficient experience in the publishing of a weekly newspaper to know that it will be impossible to please everybody in their constituency, and no particular effort will be made in these columns to cater to anyone's particular hobbies or consult their whims. Our news columns will cover as fully as possible the local events of the district, to which we will confine ourselves. The publishing of foreign news is not within the province of a country newspaper, although comments on matters in general will appear as occasion warrants under the editorial heading."

THE SUGAR FACTORY

Work of construction well underway. Two hundred men to be put on the work.

"A short walk from the centre of the town north along Sugar Avenue brings one to the site of the beet sugar factory where within a few weeks 200 men will be employed in finishing the only beet sugar works in Western Canada. At present only 15 men are at work there preparing for the larger crew and shifting the ponderous machinery off the cars as it arrives, moving it off on the prairie out of the road of the excavators, bricklayers, masons and



carpenters to be at work so soon as the weather guardian sees fit to turn on the spring tap.

A confusion of heavy machinery, stone, structural steel and other material is stretched around the excavations started last fall and some idea of the immensity of a sugar factory will be gained by knowing that seventy-five carloads of machinery approximately fifteen hundred tons, are now here on the ground in addition to ten carloads of structural steel. This machinery includes boilers weighing twenty tons apiece, crystallizers of eight tons weight, fifteen pumps of various capacity and a bewildering array of slicers, vats, dryers and pipes. Of these latter laid end to end there are enough to stretch for fifty miles across country.

This structural work is being done by E. H. Dyer & Co., of Cleveland manufacturers of beet sugar refining machinery and builders of beet sugar factories, who secured the contract last fall and commenced operations about the middle of October. Engineer Arthur Thelin being sent out to begin the work. The excavations were made by him and much of the machinery received while he was in charge.

A few weeks ago G. M. Bradick arrived from Cleveland to superintend the construction and the work will be in his hands until turned over to the company, which according to contract will be September 1st of this year.

When completed the plant will consist of a main building, with a front age of 270 feet and 78 feet deep, running up to four stories in height in the rear and adjoining the main building will be an annex 141 x 56 ft. to the west will be the boarding house, a three story building 38 x 75 feet with accommodations for seventy men, and south of the factory are six beet sheds, two for storage roots shipped in by rail and four for local growers. These sheds are each 288 feet long and 31 feet wide and will have a capacity of 6000 tons. These sheds will be connected with the factory by nine 320 foot flumes through which the beets are floated into the works.

On the north side of the tracks a reservoir has been built where the supply of water for the factory will be secured. The supplying of this water has been contracted for by the Lethbridge Irrigation Company.

Thus we have an insight into the first paper published in Raymond. In the advertisements in this paper we notice many familiar names such as the Raymond Mercantile Co., King Brothers Cooper, Lamb and Co., The Bank of Montreal, W. Wood Meat Market, R. H. McDuffee, Dr. Rivers, A. E. Moore, Heber Cole, George W. Green Jr., Mgr. of the Raymond Milling and Elevator Co., and many more.

NEWS NOTES

The Jacobs and Heninger families enjoyed a wicker roast out at the factory lake Thursday evening. Mrs. Rejane Bingham led in community singing. Out of town guests were Mrs. Dora Jacobs, Cardston; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jacobs and family Stirling; and Mr. and Mrs. W. Paul Merrill and son of Preston, Idaho.



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Welling NEWS NOTES

J. L. Gibb is still confined to hospital from injuries received last Thursday evening in a car crash at the Welling Junction. His condition is favorable. We understand that Mr. Harris, the driver of the other car is also still in the hospital.

Billy Baker, son of Phillip Baker was thrown from his motor bike when something broke. He has a broken arm and shoulder blade as reminders of his accident.
BORN—August 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. Vern Peterson a daughter.

The Loren Nelson family motored to Hillspring to a family reunion Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Bingham, Ogden; Mr. Harris, the driver of the other Mrs. Charles Dornan, Huntsville, UT sisters of C. D. Peterson, also his nieces Mrs. LaVaun Combs and Mrs. Lucille Nelson of San Fernando, Cal. have been visiting relatives here and in Raymond. While here they attended a family reunion of the Peterson family in Red Rock Canyon. Mrs. Combs and Mrs. Nelson are daughters of John C. Peterson of Cardston formerly the Bishop of the Welling Ward.

Work has been started on the construction of the new school here. Mr. J. Weinheimer and Mr. George Lyons of Lethbridge are the contractors.

Mrs. Ellen Vance of American Fork Utah is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bullock. Mrs. Anna Schneidt and relatives in Raymond.

"Well Johnny, how did you get along in school today?"

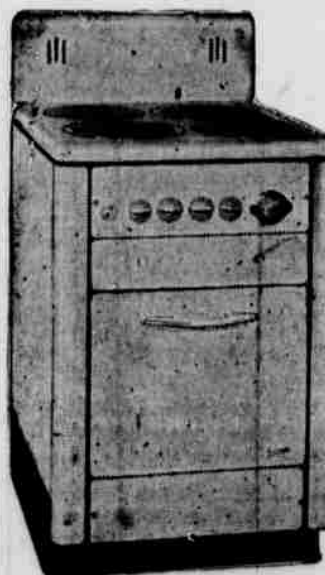
"Okay mother, but you know that new teacher is always asking us questions. Today she asked every body where they were born."

"Well, you certainly knew the answer to that—the Women's Hospital."

"Sure, I know! But I didn't want the whole class to think I was a sissy. I said the Yankee Stadium."



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